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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
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Sir:

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1. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$455.00 to cover: \$395.00 for RCE fee and \$60.00 for one (1) month extension of time fee;
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3. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);
4. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
5. One (1) return postcard.

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